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[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$ 9	\$
X \$42	\$
+ \$140	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$18	\$ 0
X \$84	252
+ \$280	\$

TOTAL = \$ 252

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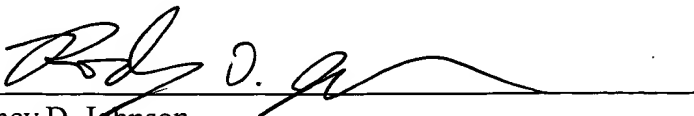
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☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT A

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 17, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

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